

FOBRA STATEMENT ON CUTS

We recognise that spending cuts are inevitable, and that these are likely to affect services to residents. To mitigate the impact we think the Council and other authorities in B&NES should:

- Look for new ways of providing services more cheaply, eg through outsourcing, and of raising revenue, through charges if necessary;
- Protect funding for transport improvements, particularly expansion of bus services and transport infrastructure, and street cleaning, to maintain the quality of life for people who live and work in Bath.
- Help community organisations including residents associations to develop the capacity to take on some of the services which are being cut;
- Maintain provision for affordable housing, so that lower-paid workers in Bath can afford to live here without needing to commute long distances.
- Examine the scope for management and operational economies by joint working between authorities, eg the Police and Council.

We expect the Council to consult residents before decisions are taken.